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Date: April 3, 2012

To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager
Through: Theodore L. Voorhees, Deputy City Manager
From: Jose L. Lopez, Sr., Chief of Police
Subject: 2012 DPD PAL Program Grant

Executive Summary

The Durham Police Department through authorization of the City Manager has developed a General Order to address fundraising and receipt of donations to support the operation of the PAL program. Funding received through donations or fundraising will be established as a grant for financial support of the PAL program, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

Recommendation

The administration recommends that the City Council authorize the use of funding from the PAL grant annually to support the operation of the PAL program in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

Background

The City of Durham's Police Department established The Durham Police Athletic League (PAL) program in 2010. The department's PAL program has several goals: providing youth with an alternative to crime and gang activity, building bridges with the community and creating mentoring relationships between officers and youth.

More than 500 youths ages 5 to 18 have participated in the Durham Police Athletic League. The PAL program includes basketball leagues for grades 1 through 5 and ages 15 to 18, a soccer league and a baseball league. Through PAL, the Police Department has partnered with the Durham Public Schools, Durham Parks and Recreation Department, Durham Bulls Youth Athletic League, Soccer United, the Salvation Army, White Rock Baptist Church and the John Avery Boys and Girls Club.

The City of Durham through the Police Department PAL program will use this funding to expand the current PALs Program to include a mentoring initiative for youth within the City of Durham. The department recognizes the PAL program as a form of community policing which is the overall concept adhered to by the Durham Police Department and supports the program to build community relations.

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Issues/Analysis

The main issue is the PAL program not being a budgeted program through City coffers is limited in available funding to support program development for our youth. Funding must be sought through grants and other means just to maintain the current program. Administration must request permission through Council before any expenditure of funds deposited in this grant, which impacts the success of the program through the current wait process.

By providing authorization to Administration to use available funding from this grant with a maximum annual spending cap of \$25,000.00 would allow PAL to meet the needs of the program more efficiently.

Alternatives

The alternative would be to deny this authorization and continue to require administration to seek permission for expenditure on an as needed basis.

Financial Impact

The City's resources will not be impacted because the funding will come from fundraising and donation to the City's PAL program. The budget for this funding is as follows:

Budget Item	Amount
2012 PAL Program	<u>\$25,000</u>
Total Project	\$25,000

SDBE Summary

This item does not require review by the office of Equal Opportunity/Equity Assurance.